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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2021

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Blumenthal, Ms. Smith, Ms. Cortez Masto, and Mrs. Feinstein) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Voices for Veterans
5 Act 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY**
 2 **COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS TO IN-**
 3 **CLUDE VETERANS WHO ARE LESBIAN, GAY,**
 4 **BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, GENDER DI-**
 5 **VERSE, GENDER NON-CONFORMING,**
 6 **INTERSEX, OR QUEER.**

7 (a) **EXPANSION OF MEMBERSHIP.**—Subsection
 8 (a)(2)(A) of section 544 of title 38, United States Code,
 9 is amended—

10 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “and” at the end;

11 (2) in clause (v), by striking the period at the
 12 end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by inserting after clause (v) the following
 14 new clause:

15 “(vi) veterans who are lesbian, gay, bisexual,
 16 transgender, gender diverse, gender non-conforming,
 17 intersex, or queer.”.

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Clause (vi) of section
 19 544(a)(2)(A) of title 38, United States Code, shall apply
 20 to appointments made on or after the date of the enact-
 21 ment of this Act.

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